

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraphs [001] with the following paragraph:

[001] Related U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/035,747, filed on even date herewith in the name of Guy L. Steele Jr. and entitled "Floating Point System That Represents Status Flag Information Within A Floating Point Operand," assigned to the assignee of the present application, is hereby incorporated by reference.